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TWO CHARGED IN BANK FRAUD SCHEME

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury in Sacramento returned an indictment charging DAVID LEE DEWS, 42, and SHEKHINAH ALLENE SULLIVAN, 28, both of Sacramento, with multiple counts of bank fraud.

The indictment charges that DEWS and SULLIVAN were allegedly involved in a bank fraud scheme which involved the use of worthless checks drawn on accounts in their own names which had previously been closed. As part of the scheme, DEWS and SULLIVAN allegedly used these checks to make purchases at various U.S. Post Offices in the Sacramento area during the period of May through September of 2003.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Sacramento Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Arguelles, who is prosecuting the case, if convicted, defendants DEWS and SULLIVAN face a maximum sentence of thirty years in prison and up to a \$1,000,000 fine for each count of bank fraud charged.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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